

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
August 25, 2011
2:00 p.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chair P. Kelly Hatfield.

Present by telephone were:

Commissioners:

John Bonanni
John Eskilson
Sharon Krengel
Paula B. Voos
Richard Wall

Also present were:

Mary E. Hennessy-Shotter, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
Annette Thompson, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, Chair Hatfield, pursuant to section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, entered this announcement into the minutes of the meeting:

Adequate notice has been provided by the dissemination of a written "Notice of Special Meeting."

On August 24, 2011 a copy of such notice was:

(a) prominently posted in a public place at the offices of the Public Employment Relations Commission;

(b) sent to the business offices of the Trenton Times, the Bergen Record, and the Camden Courier Post, as well as to the State House press room addresses of 25 media outlets;

(c) mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and

(d) posted on the agency's web site.

A roll call was initiated to confirm all Commissioners were present on the telephone. Commissioner David Jones did not participate in this meeting because he sits on one of the committees.

The first and only item for consideration was the proposed new rules for the appointment of Super Conciliators pursuant to the new law that was adopted on June 28, 2011. It establishes seven committees, two health benefits and five pension committees that are charged with reviewing and modifying public employee health benefit and pension plans. Our agency has been charged with putting together a panel of Super Conciliators whose job will be to resolve any impasses resulting from a failure of the committee to decide on a matter by the majority of a vote within 60 days. The rules that were sent to all Commissioners create a new chapter of the Commission's rules establishing the health benefit plan design super conciliation panel. It defines when super conciliation can be invoked and establishes super conciliation procedures and qualifications. The cost of super conciliation will be borne by the Department of the Treasury, Division of Pension and Benefits. The super conciliators will be compensated at a rate of \$1,000.00 per eight hour session. This proposal, if accepted by the Commission, will be published in the New Jersey Register on October 3, 2011. Interested parties will be contacted through secondary publication and will have 60 days

to submit comments. A public hearing could also be convened. If the schedule goes as contemplated, the proposal can be adopted by the full Commission at our December meeting. Two of the panels have already convened. The rule proposal will be posted on our website and can be used as guidelines. A motion to adopt the proposed rules was made by Commissioner Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Wall. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Eskilson, Krengel, Voos and Wall).

Commissioner Bonanni made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was then adjourned.